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Fire Restrictions on the Colville National Forest

Colville, WA...Colville National Forest officials are implementing phase I fire restrictions on Friday, September 21, 2012, at 0001 hrs.(12:01 a.m.) and will remain in effect until rescinded. Campfires will only be allowed in approved campgrounds and smoking will be prohibited outside of a vehicle. These restrictions apply to all areas, roads, and trails on the Colville National Forest.

The restrictions include building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or charcoal grill on the Colville National Forest outside of a designated campground. Liquid gas stoves are exempt from this restriction. Smoking is prohibited on the Colville National Forest except within an enclosed vehicle, building or fully enclosed camp trailer. This restriction does not apply to designated campgrounds with improved campfire facilities. Please contact your local forest service office to ensure you are in a designated campground.

“As firefighting efforts continue across the state and daily temperatures, lower humidity, and dry winds continue to dry out vegetation in eastern Washington we will be moving into fire restrictions,” said Laura Jo West, Colville National Forest Supervisor. West added, “Our residents and visitors certainly understand just how high our fire danger is right now across the state, and the restrictions serve as a reminder that we need everyone’s help in preventing a wildfire.”

Information on how to make sure your campfire is “dead out” and other fire prevention tips can be found at www.smokeybear.com or by contacting your local forest service office.

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